

ARMY MEDICINE

AMEDD Commissioning Programs

U.S. Army Recruiting Command



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AMEDD Commissioning Programs

Purpose: Educate Soldiers, Leaders and educators on the educational opportunities offered by the AMEDD.

➤ Interservice Physician Assistant Program for the regular Army and Army Reserve (Army National Guard manages applications separately, but most of the requirements are the same)



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What is an Army PA?

- Military health care professional certified to practice medicine with physician supervision.
- The AMEDD's primary medical provider in battalion and division level TO&E units "From the Line, For the Line"
- ROLE I/II Subject Matter Expert



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STARTING POINT

1. Research the profession.
2. Meet with someone in the profession
3. Discuss the options with your family and friends (your support during the training).
4. Meet with your education center counselor about your educational goals, aspirations, and paths.



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All applicants

- All applicants must submit a DA Photo dated within 12 months of board date.
 - If deployed ACU photo is okay. Recommend a DA photo
 - Geographical issues may use commercial photographer with DA Photo standards
 - Below E-5 may require COC memo for the photo
- Passing APFT after 01 Oct
 - Must be Certified by CDR/1SG
- Height and Weight or Tape Test IAW 600-9.



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Letter of Intent (LOI)

- Very important!
- Must be **TYPED**.
- Your opportunity to address the board in your own words.
- Have more than one person review your LOI.
 - Professional who is writing the Letter of recommendation.



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Letter's of recommendation

- First line supervisor
- Commander
- PA must be on USAREC form 195
(40 shadowing hours)
- Maximum of 5 letters
- May use USAREC Form 195 or
- May use Memorandum format
 - addressed to the board

It's not who you know. It's who knows
you.



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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Qualified for appointment IAW AR 601-100, and AR 40-501
- ORB/ERB must be certified true copy from your Commander or 1SG.
- Applicant must meet current HRC policy for “Time on Station” (TOS 24 months) prior to the projected school start date; Human Resources Command (HRC) clearance will be initiated for those selected to participate.



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AMEDD Commissioning Programs APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- DA 61
- Military career paperwork

- NCOER's/OER's/service record
- 1059's
- Awards
- Professional training certificates
- DD 214/NGB



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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Commissioning Physical (Original or original signature)

- DD 2807-1/DD 2808
- No older than 12 months from board date.
- Send certified true copies.
- Must include ETOH, Drug Screen and HIV tests with lab printout.
- Enlisted, Warrant Officer applicants
 - “Qualified for Commissioning IAW AR 40-501 CHAPTER 2”
- Officer applicants
 - “Qualified for Commissioning IAW AR 40-501 CHAPTER 3”
- P2 Profiles are considered on a **case-by-case** basis for exception
- P3 profiles are ineligible (**Non-waiverable**)



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WAIVERS

Submit all documentation pertaining to waiver with a request citing the circumstances and conditions

- Age in Grade (over 38 at commissioning)
- Time in Service (less than 3 yrs or more than 8 yrs)
- Convictions (If you answered yes DA 61 item 26)
 - Include all court documents and outcome. A letter of support from your Chain of Command is looked at favorably!
- Medical (IAW AR 40-501)
 - Include Consult and Recommendation from appropriate clinician



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IPAP APPLICATION

Enlisted

- GT Score 110+ (**Non Waiverable**)
- Just as competitive as an officer.
- Even if you are not in the medical field, you are competitive.

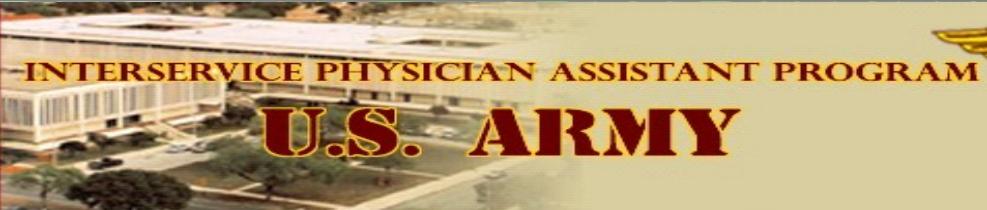


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Brief History of the PA

- 1965- First PA program at Duke University
- 1967- First graduate of Duke program
- 1971- Congress authorized Army to train PAs
- 1973- First Army PAs graduated at Ft Sam Houston
- 1980- First specialty training authorized
- 1984- PAs assigned to White House Medical Unit
- 1992- PAs commissioned as regular line officers in the Army Medical Specialist Corps (formerly Warrant Officers)
- 1996- Fort Sam Houston selected as the site for the Interservice PA Program (IPAP)



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Bottom Line Up Front

- Convert 60 SH to a Master Degree in 29 months
- Earn a wonderful profession as a Physician Assistant
- Become an Officer
- Accelerated Promotion to CPT



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Duties of an Army PA

- Provide advanced trauma management
- Conduct physical exams
- Diagnose and treat illnesses
- Order and interpret diagnostic tests
- Counsel on preventive health care
- Assist in surgery
- Write prescriptions



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Programs Duties of an Army PA

- Provide soldier healthcare at Level I/II
- Treat all categories of beneficiaries
- Primary medical trainer to unit medics and combat lifesavers
- Serve as medical platoon leader
- Special staff officer to the commander
- Preventive medicine/field sanitation
- Medical logistics
- Other duties as assigned



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Phase I (Didactic)

➤ VERY CHALLENGING, BUT,
ANYTHING WORTH HAVING IS!

➤ 64 weeks

►1815 Contact hours (class room)

pathology, radiology, pharmacology,

psychiatry, OB/GYN, orthopedics,

in ~~A&P~~ ~~Pathology~~ ~~Pathology~~

etc.



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Phase II (2890 hours)

- 21 different clinical sites
- 52 weeks
- Clinical rotations include:
 - Family Medicine/Primary Care
 - Internal Medicine

- Ophthalmology
- Psychiatry
- Pediatrics
- Dermatology
- OB/GYN
- Orthopedics
- Surgery
- Emergency Medicine
- ENT/Allergy



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PHASE II SITES

- Fort Benning
- Fort Bliss
- Fort Bragg
- Fort Campbell
- Fort Carson
- Fort Hood
- Fort Knox
- Fort Leonard Wood
- Fort Polk
- Fort Riley
- Fort Sill
- Fort Stewart
- Tripler AMC
- West Point
- By exception only
 - Air Force locations



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- Bachelor Science Degree from University of Nebraska at end of phase I
- Master Degree in Physician Assistant from University of Nebraska upon completion of 29 months program
- 54 months Active Duty Service Obligation
- USAR 6 years SELRES + 2 years



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Basic Qualifications

- Enlisted, Commissioned, Warrant Officer, or Cadet
(Any Service)
- USAR IPAP seats are only open for USAR Soldiers
- Regular Army IPAP seats are open for all branches
- USAR no minimum time requirement, but must request a waiver if > 8 years of service (if applying for a USAR IPAP seat).



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Educational/academic

- Must have a SAT within 5 years of application deadline.
 - Minimum of 450 in math and reading
 - Combined score of math plus reading must be equal to or great than 1000
 - SAT Improvement Program:

SAT:

www.eknowledge.com/militaryhomefront



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Educational/academic

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- Grade Point Averages
 - Overall GPA must be 2.5 or greater
 - Derived from official transcripts of **all** schools ever attended
 - Science GPA must be 2.5 or greater
 - Derived from **all** science related courses
 - Includes clinical courses



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Educational/academic

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- Academic work sheet (USAREC Form 1235)
 - include all courses and letter grades.
- Official transcripts sent to the USAREC Program managers
- **NO** degree is required to apply for these programs



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Educational Prerequisites

60 semester hours

- The following 30SH must be in residence: (In accredited class or internet (online) course with letter grade of C or better. You MAY NOT use MOS,CLEP,DANTES to satisfy requirement)
 - 6 hours English (3SH Writing)
 - 6 hours Humanities – ex Social Sciences, Government, History, Art etc.
 - 3 hours of Psychology (any type)
 - 3 hours of College Algebra or higher math (NOT intro or intermediate.)



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Educational Prerequisites Continue

- 6 hours Chemistry (general or higher) ***No Lab is required – it can be taken online.
 - Intro to Chemistry is NOT acceptable.
- 3 hours Anatomy (Human)
 - Intro class are acceptable
- 3 hours Physiology (Human)
- Medical terminology (online, military training, CLEP, military correspondence course. Required and should be within 5 years of school if selected)



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INTERSERVICE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

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Academic Delay / Alternate

- May apply with 3 required courses or less (15 SH or less) in progress after application due date (1 Mar)---
- Coursework must be complete NLT 31 Dec year of application
- If selected as Academic Delay:
 - Slot for attendance is guaranteed **if** you complete all coursework NLT 31 Dec year of application
- Gives 2nd chance and more time for academics
- Must reapply the following year if not selected



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Requirements Completion Course (RCC)

- Only for Regular Army IPAP selects
- Assigns Soldiers to AMEDD C&S while they complete 15SH of IPAP prerequisite courses.
- May only be missing Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, or Algebra.
- Applicant is responsible for all tuition and costs. Tuition Assistance may be available



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Requirements Completion Course (RCC)

- Higher SAT requirement (**Non-Waiverable**)
 - Minimum composite 1100 (math + reading)
- Must have a 3.0 overall GPA at the time of application (**Non-Waiverable**)
- Have 45 SH College Credit
 - 15 must be resident prerequisite credits
 - Must have 6 SH English, 3 SH Psych., 6SH Humanities



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IPAP Specific Application Documents

- Curriculum Vitae
- DA 160 with dates of desired class priority preference
 - Jan/April/Aug
- Officers DA 71 oath of office and appointment letter
- ROTC must include ROTC contract



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Application Process

- AR 601-20, The IPAP
- MILPER message 12-350 for FY 13
- POC: MAJ Ramon S. Bradshaw PA-C at USAREC
(502) 626-0386 DSN 536-0386
- E-mail: ipap@usarec.army.mil email with request for FY 2013 application information.
- Application deadline - 1 Mar
- Selection Board: June
- Results posted: Aug MILPER MSG
- Attend January, April, or August



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What will my rank be?

- Everyone accumulates months towards promotion during school
- ENLISTED
 - E-4 and below will be paid as E-5
 - E-5 and above maintain their pay grade
 - All wear "OCS"
 - Graduate as 1LT with 2 years of constructive credit



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What will my rank be?

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Will arrive at school with their new rank based on constructive credit: Take the total months served as an officer, as of report date of class (tentatively use 1 Jan of school year). Divide that number by 2. If it equals 18 you will be a 1LT.



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What will my rank be?

- WARRANT OFFICERS
- Will attend school wearing their Warrant Officer rank



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ENDPOINT

- MASTER DEGREE IN 29 months
- ARMY OFFICER
- ACCELERATED 1ST PROMOTION
- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
 - Great Military Career
 - Great Civilian Career
- Continue to serve this great country



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The Army PA

Specialty Training

- Aviation Medicine
- Eligible after 4 years post graduate experience
 - Masters:
 - Adult Education
 - Public Health
 - Health administration
 - Occupational Medicine
 - Preventive Medicine
 - Doctorate of Science
 - Intensivist
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Orthopedics



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Questions

- All questions regarding the Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP) may be directed to MAJ Ramon S. Bradshaw, Program Manager at: (800)223-3735 extension 60386
- If you have Suggestions, Questions, or Advice please e-mail ipap@usarec.army.mil or visit IPAP page on [facebook](#)



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